ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

4 JUNE 2023

CANON BILL'S UPDATE

The Winning post!
A parish magazine long since retired. Like many good ideas it started off well with some excellent articles provided by Parishioners on a variety of subjects, but unfortunately as with so many publications people lost interest.

There is an association of ideas here, this being the weekend of the Epsom Derby and you may be wondering if the Clergy can throw any light on which of the majestic beasts will be first past the winning post. Alas, the answer is no, but if you study the form or better still talk to the horse, I will be happy to share your winnings!

There are of course more modern ways of studying form, however, but it is hard to beat a well written article which weighs up the odds. But where to go for well written information? People are reading fewer newspapers today, a decline which has set in over many years. One rarely sees a commuter with a newspaper tucked under their arm to read on the train. I'm not sure that I should mention trains at this point, but one is more likely to see heads buried into mobile phones.

Personally, I enjoy a good read, especially a daily newspaper. The Universe is endeavoring to buck the trend and have sent free copies of their publication in the hope of attracting readers, you will find them in the Narthex and I'm sure they would be delighted if you would subscribe to having a hard copy to catch up with items of church news. But there is no doubt that we have become a more 'Visual Generation' preferring pictures to the written word. The new addition must be the mobile phone and the iPad, which is never out of our hands, giving us a new and different kind of Winning Post.

God Bless, Canon Bill

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023

Today we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity: one God in three persons. God is the Lover (Father, Creator), the Beloved (Son, Saviour), and the Love which flows between them (Holy Spirit, Counsellor). Our readings help us see who God is, and what God does for us.

Moses's obedience and humility are revealed as he calls on God from the top of Mount Sinai ***(First Reading Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9)***, pleading for the headstrong people of Israel. In responding, the Lord describes himself as 'a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness'.

In the Gospel ***(John 3: 16-18)***, Jesus tells Nicodemus of the overwhelming love God has for the world in sending his Son to be its Saviour. Through Jesus's death and resurrection, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's wish for the discordant Corinthians ***(Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13)*** is peace, unity, fellowship and love. Paul encourages them (and us) to reveal the qualities of God seen in Jesus, gifted to us through the Holy Spirit, and gifted to others through our behaviour.

The Psalm ***(Daniel 3: 52-56)***, taken from the book of Daniel, gives praise and glory to God, exalting him above all forever.

Rublev's famous icon (above) suggests the love the Holy Trinity has for us in the humility, harmony and mutual love of the three persons. I notice the space at the front of the table inviting me to share in this love and life. In thanksgiving, let's pray St Paul's blessing this week, that 'the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all'.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 3 June	10.00am 5.30pm	NO MASS Max Kiberd's Intention
Sun 4 June	***The Most Holy Trinity***	
	10.30am 5.30am	Mario Taibi RIP People of the Parish
Mon 5 June	***Memoria of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr***	
	10.00am 7.00pm	Michael and Myra Carty RIP Canio Carmelitano RIP
Tue 6 June	10.00am	Francis John Aloysius Harrington RIP
Wed 7 June	10.00am	John and Marian Geraghty's Intention
Thur 8 June	10.00 am	Jack Morgan's Intention
Fri 9 June	10.00am	Edmundo T Fajardo RIP
Sat 10 June	10.00am 5.30pm	NO MASS Elizabeth Smith RIP
Sun 11 June	***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ***	
	10.30am 5,30pm	Yeo Dong-Ok Barbara RIP People of the Parish

ST JOSEPH'S STATEMENT OF ASPIRATIONS

At St Joseph's, we **show God's love to the world**. This means that we:

- ✞ are a welcoming community, where all can explore, develop and deepen their faith;
- ✞ help everyone to discover how much they are loved by God;
- ✞ participate in spiritually enriching liturgies and celebrate sacraments as signs of God's love for us;
- ✞ empower people to use their individual talents and skills for the service of others;
- ✞ put the Gospel into practical, loving action by reaching out to help others, especially the poor and disadvantaged in the local community and beyond.

Car Parking on the Access Road to the Church Sunday 10.30a.m. Mass

In order to maintain good relations with our neighbours, I would like to remind Parishioners that you should not be parking on the access road to the Church when arriving for Sunday morning 10.30a.m. Mass. If you cannot park in the Car Park on a Sunday morning, please park on St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive where parking restrictions do not apply on Sunday morning.

Celebrating The Feast of St Joachim & St Anne Mass & Afternoon Tea - Saturday 22 July 2023 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral

Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents and the more senior members of our community. Please sign up here: Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne (22-Jul-2023) · ChurchSuite Events

Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Our Prayers are asked for all those who are ill:

Frances Walsh, Merlyn Soares, Ann Schifano, Peter Galipeau, Emma Lee, Ian Watts, Steve Lee, Melitona Leander, Vanessa Tuff, Susan McCrory, Anita Hully, Joseph Poku, Angela Brett, Kay Pledge, Debbie Swain, Alan Lucas, Tom Makinson, Kate O'Hare, Ethan Foley, Alice Nicolle, Jean Childs, Sue Brackenbury, Matty Horkan, Lorraine Corsini, Sebastiana Kaullysing and Baby Trevor Agius.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL NOT BE OPEN ON THURSDAY 8 JUNE.

Bereavement Group

Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to talk to someone? We have bereavement supporters trained to listen, support and accompany people experiencing grief. Call Paula Thomas on 07710 099682 or Theresa Park on 07867 625291.

St Andrew's School – Assistant Caretaker position

There is an Assistant Caretaker position available at St Andrews Catholic School. If you are interested, please contact Mrs McEnaney on 01372221880 or email: enquires@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk for further information

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 11 June.

THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2023

Following his recent return from Rome, Austen Ivereigh is coming to talk to us on Thursday 8 June at 7:30 pm at St Joseph's Church.
Your invitation to:

"Listening to the future: Pope Francis and the Church to come."

Austen is a British writer and journalist known for his two biographies of Pope Francie: The Great Reformer and Wounded Shepherd. He is also very involved in the Synod called by the Pope and he established the Catholic Voices movement. He is currently a Fellow in Contemporary Church History at the Jesuit-run Campion Hall, University of Oxford. He lives on a small regenerative farm in the west of England, close to the Welsh border, inspired by Laudato Sì.

Parish Finances and Offertory

CHURCH OFFERTORY

Ways for you to contribute are as follows:

- **standing order**: this is our preferred method. Please set up your standing order directly with your bank, using the following details - account name: RCD A&B St Joseph's Epsom; sort code: 40-05-20; account number: 71076221; bank reference: your name, along with "GA" if you are a member of our Gift Aid scheme. (If you aren't yet a Gift Aider, please do join the scheme! See below).
- **contactless devices**: these are located in the narthex and in the church (beside the hymn books). Simply choose "Church offertory" from the list on the screen, and please select the option to add gift aid if you are a tax payer. (Note: these devices can also be used for special collections)
- **gift aid envelope scheme**: please place your envelope in the collection bags
- **loose cash**: please place in the collection bags.

Thank you for your support.

PARISH VISIT TO WALSINGHAM

We are planning a parish visit to Walsingham in Norfolk. This is the site of probably the best known English shrine of Our Lady. Our visit will coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. Key information if travelling by coach is : -

Depart Epsom (Church car park) on Friday 22September late afternoon

Depart Norfolk on Sunday 24 September at about 15:00.

Accommodation

In the shrine's modern accommodation at Elmham House.

Accommodation costs per room for two nights including dinner and breakfast

Single en suite £160 Single not en suite £128

Double/twin en suite £320 Double/twin not en suite £256

If pressure on accommodation means that we need to use double/twin rooms with single occupancy, there would be a single room supplement. If you plan to join us, please e-mail jennyandjohnm@netscape.net or leave a note in the Parish Office. Please see flyer for further information.

Diocesan run events

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning – Saturday 17 June 11.30-1pm at St Gabriel's Church Hall, Billingshurst

You are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis. The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. Here is the booking link Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard (17-Jun-2023) · ChurchSuite Events A poster is also attached. Any questions please contact E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk

The next Chilworth Abbey Study Day, is on Saturday 10 June 2023, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 10, 'World without End: the Last things'. Mass, 9.00am, Talks 10.15am - 3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See chilworthbenedictines.com for more details.

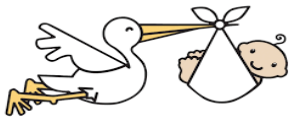
Worth Abbey - Explore the Richness of Benedictine Spirituality - 24 June, 1-4pm

Join Midday Prayer at 1pm in the Abbey Church, followed by a welcome talk from Abbot Mark Barrett, and sung Benediction at 3.30pm. Sessions include: accompanied walks to the Quiet Garden, Silent Prayer, Lectio Divina and talks by lay people on how the Rule of St Benedict inspires their lives. Families are very welcome (Children's activities are available) with complimentary refreshments. Follow this link to book https://worthconnecting.org.uk/event/stbenedict?ct

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators for an immediate start.

Further details and an application form are available by emailing: recruitment @stphils.org.uk or by contacting the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025. Further information can be downloaded from the school's website: https://stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies.

Baptism at St Joseph's



We very much look forward to meeting new parents and explaining our Baptism preparation which includes regular attendance at Mass prior to joining classes. You will find one of us (Baptism Catechists') near the font after 10:30 Mass on Sundays. Do come and say hello.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 14 June 2023 11am - 3pm.

Bishop Richard looks forward to meeting all those of a more senior generation at our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Please bring your friends and a picnic for what is always a wonderful day of faith, friendship and recollection. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or click on the link :Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead (14-Jun-2023) · ChurchSuite Events

If you, or someone you know is struggling and would appreciate some help or just someone to talk to in confidence, please call Celia Flood on 07767 870035, or Terry Cruise on 07788 454774.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue … or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

St Joseph's Admissions – September 2024

For admissions to St Joseph's School from September 2024, there is no longer a need for parents and carers to be signing in at Mass.

The requirement for entry from September 2024 is that you provide the school with a copy of the baptism certificate for your child and that you have the Supplementary Information Form signed, dated and stamped by Canon Bill. Parents may submit their Supplementary Information Form to the Parish Office at any point from now in advance of January 2024.

UKRAINE Children Appeal

We've recently received a request from Bishop Alex in Ukraine to raise money to help a group of children from Kyiv who have been invited by the Salesians of Don Bosco in San Doná di Piave in Italy to attend a Summer Youth Camp from 1 - 16 July. The families of that area will be providing accommodation and meals.

Gloria Saliba from our Parish has been invited to join this group of children (who will be accompanied by one of the Sisters from Kyiv), to help out with the language issues and accompany the children on day trips to the seaside etc. If you would like to make a donation to contribute to the travel costs and days out for the children please contact Gloria on 07941 233409, email: salibagloria27@gmail.com or if you prefer you may also leave a donation in an envelope at the Parish office, marked Ukraine Children Appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers needed to get a parishioner to the Saturday 5.30pm Mass. Currently we have 2 drivers, but one is unable to assist for the time being. Please consider carefully whether you might be able to help, even on an occasional basis. Many thanks. Please contact: Marv Liszka on 07774 249410.

USE OF A WHEELCHAIR

A Parishioner has very kindly donated a wheelchair to St Joseph's which is kept in the Office. If you are bringing a relative or friend with mobility issues to Church, and would welcome the use of the wheelchair, please apply to the Office to borrow it to get from the car and back again.

PARISH OPENING HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8.30A.M. – 2.30P.M. and
THURSDAY 8.30A.M. – 12.30P.M.

Our Parish email address has changed: Contact Us:
Email: epsom@abdiocese.org.uk
Telephone: 01372 723573

Ministry of Welcome workshop – Saturday 17 June 9-12.30pm St Philip Howard School, Barnham

All welcomers, stewards, clergy and those interested in the ministry of welcome are invited to join a day of reflection and conversation about this important ministry. We will be considering the stewardship of our communities in the light of the Pastoral Plan and how our ministry is a sign of welcome to all. Booking and further information to follow, but please mark this date in your diary. Led by Margaret Fraher, Diocesan Inclusion Adviser E:formation@abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Run Events

Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral

As part of your journey to marriage we invite you to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. To register your interest please sign up here:
Mass for Engaged Couples (16-Jun-2023) · ChurchSuite Events

FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you to all our wonderful, faithful supporters. Your kindness and generosity is always so appreciated by us and our clients. In the first quarter of 2023, we distributed food to nearly 3,000 people; this is 65% higher than over the same period in 2022. The Foodbank is also seeing around 50 brand new clients each month in 2023 - up from between 30-40 first-time clients in previous non-covid years. Your support really does make the difference. Thank you!

We urgently need:

Cereal (not weetabix or porridge, we have lots),
Cooking sauces, Tinned meat (meatballs, hot dogs, etc.)
UHT milk, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Sweetcorn,
Tinned Fruit, Custard, Rice pudding, Coffee, Pulses (tinned and dried)
Longlife sponge puddings, Jam/Honey, Sugar
Washing up liquid, Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner, Washing powder
Nappies Size 5+, 6 and 6+.